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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner return the form to the Applicant after initializing the references, thereby indicating that they were expressly considered by the Examiner.

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It is respectfully requested that these references be considered in the examination of this application, and identified in the list of references cited on the patent issuing on this application.

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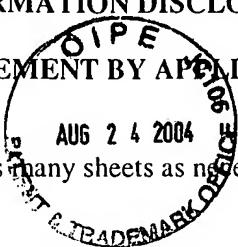
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